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REMARKS:

By this amendment, Applicant cancels previously pending claims 1-16 and 18-32 without prejudice and adds new claims 33-50. Consideration and allowance of all currently pending claims are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

CLAIM REJECTIONS.

35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Previously pending claims 1-16 and 18-32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,564,261 to Gudjonsson et al. (hereinafter "Gudjonsson"). Applicant continues to believe these claims are patentable over the cited art for the reasons previously of record. Notwithstanding, Applicant has cancelled these claims and thus this rejection is now moot.

In their stead, Applicant presents new claims 33-50 and requests examination and favorable consideration thereof. Applicant briefly discusses the support and patentability of new claims 33-50 over Gudjonsson below.

New claims 33-50 relate to a device (claims 33-41), an article of manufacture (claims 42-46) and a system (47-50) which are similar to those of the previous, now cancelled claims. Accordingly, support for these claims are found not only from the original claims but the corresponding section of the specification which supported the original claims. Notably, pg. 3, ll. 5 to pg. 4, ll. 26; pg. 6, ll. 23 to pg. 11, ll. 22. No new matter is believed to be included in the foregoing amendments.

Applicant respectfully believes the new claims are patentable over Gudjonsson since Gudjonsson describes a network in which messages are sent through an intermediate routing service (RS) provided on a server of one of the users. Gudjonsson discloses an application that

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provides users with a buddy list (contact list) where the user can add others users to the list. (Col. 3, ll. 38-45).

By way of contrast, Applicant's claim 33 recites, as an example:

An apparatus comprising:

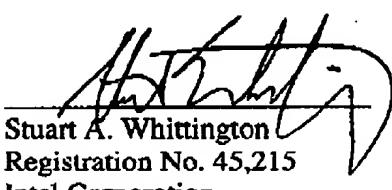
a wireless communication device having a restricted list of contacts wherein the wireless communication device is limited to communicate with only the contacts associated with the restricted list, and wherein the restricted contact list is determined by an administrator and set by a different device.

Gudjonsson, and all other art of record, fails to teach or suggest at least the restricted list of contacts which limits communication of a wireless device as claimed by Applicant. For this reason, Applicant believes the pending claim are patentable.

CONCLUSION.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application is now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below. Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee or deficiency thereof, except for the Issue Fee, is to be charged to Deposit Account # 50-0221.

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